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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM CHAIRMAN OF EMBROIDERY BOARD
PIO DE RODA A REQUEST PURSUANT TO PARA 7(A) OF TEXTILE
AGREEMENT FOR INCREASED CONSULTATION LEVELS IN FOUR NON-
TRADITIONAL CATEGORIES.

2. GOP REQUESTS AGREEMENT TO SHIP FOLLOWING AMOUNTS OVER AND
ABOVE CONSULTATION LEVELS SET FORTH IN AGREEMENT: CATEGORY
43 - 1,808,500 SYE OR 250,00 DOZ.; CATEGORY 62 - 1,000,000
SYE OR 217,391.3 LBS.; CATEGORY 218 - 724,000 SYE OR 100,000
DOZ.; 221 - 3,680,000 SYE OR 100,000 DOZ.

3. LATEST STATISTICS AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY SUGGEST THAT
REQUESTED AMOUNTS ARE WELL IN EXCESS OF CURRENT SHIPMENT LEVELS.
REQUEST APPEARS TO REFLECT PHILIPPINE INDUSTRY'S

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CONTINUED LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN DETERMINING PROPER

CLASSIFICATIONS, HOWEVER, RATHER THAN ANY ACTUAL SURGE OF EXPORTS. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, PHILIPPINE INDUSTRY, RECOGNIZING TENDENCY OF SOME OF ITS MEMBERS TO EXAGGERATE CLAIMED SHIPMENTS, HAS RETAINED AT CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE PROMINENT SYCIP, GORRES, AND VELAYO ACCOUNTING FIRM TO UNDERTAKE INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF ACTUAL SHIPMENTS FOR PAST FIVE YEARS ON A COMPANY-BY-COMPANY BASIS. INDUSTRY IS CONFIDENT AS A CONSEQUENCE THAT ITS FIGURES ARE CORRECT, AND IT APPROACHED PIO DE RODA ARMED WITH THESE FIGURES, WHICH SHOWED EXISTING CONSULTATION LEVELS IN THESE FOUR CATEGORIES AS LESS THAN ACTUAL PRIOR-YEAR SHIPMENT LEVELS.

4. IF REQUESTED LEVELS DO NOT CAUSE UNDUE DIFFICULTIES FOR U.S., SIMPLEST SOLUTION WOULD BE TO AGREE TO REQUEST, LEAVING FOR LATER THE PROBLEM OF ALIGNING PHILIPPINE CLASSIFYING WITH U.S. CLASSIFYING.

5. IN THIS REGARD, CHAIRMAN OF U.S. NEGOTIATING PANEL SUGGESTED DURING NEGOTIATIONS THAT PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS COME TO WASHINGTON FOR ONE WEEK OF CLASSIFICATION TRAINING. AS U.S. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED, AID HAS AGREED TO FUND PER DIEM FOR 3-4 OFFICIALS FOR THIS PURPOSE, WITH TRAVEL TO BE BORNE BY GOP. PIO DE RODA HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO DETERMINE WHEN TRAINING CAN TAKE PLACE AND WHETHER OFFICIALS CAN BE SENT SEPARATELY. HE IS THINKING OF TWO GROUPS OF TWO, PROBABLY, RATHER THAN ALL AT ONCE.

6. IN DISCUSSING PARA 7(A) CONSULTATION REQUEST, EMBOFF HAS SUGGESTED TO PIO DE RODA THAT BECAUSE OF CLASSIFICATION PROBLEMS AMOUNTS REQUESTED MAY BE IN EXCESS OF ACTUAL NEEDS. PIO DE RODA ACKNOWLEDGED THEY ARE CONTINUING TO WORK ON STATISTICS, BUT STATED THAT IN SUBMITTING REQUEST, HE HAD TWO AIMS IN MIND: TO ASCERTAIN HOW QUICKLY WE WOULD RESPOND AND IN WHAT MANNER WE WOULD RESPOND. IN OTHER WORDS, HE WISHES TO KNOW WHETHER THE SYSTEM WORKS AS QUICKLY AND AS AUTOMATICALLY AS U.S. PANEL CLAIMED DURING NEGOTIATIONS. FOR THIS REASON, DESPITE ACKNOWLEDGED STATISTICAL PROBLEMS, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AS RAPID AND FORTHCOMING RESPONSE AS POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON REQUESTED INCREASE IN CONSULTATION LEVELS AND ON CLASSIFICATION TRAINING ENQUIRY. SULLIVAN

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